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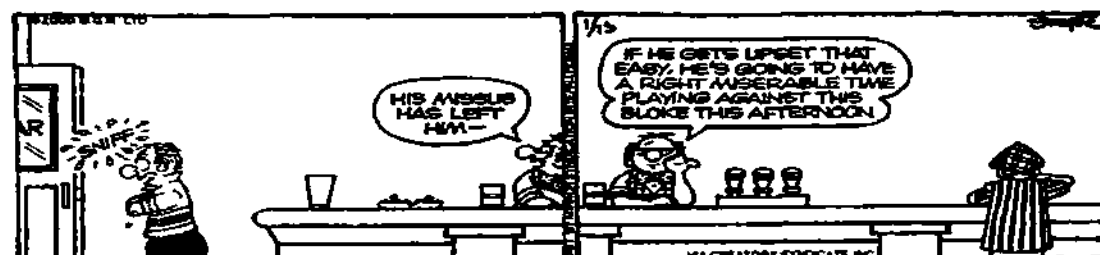
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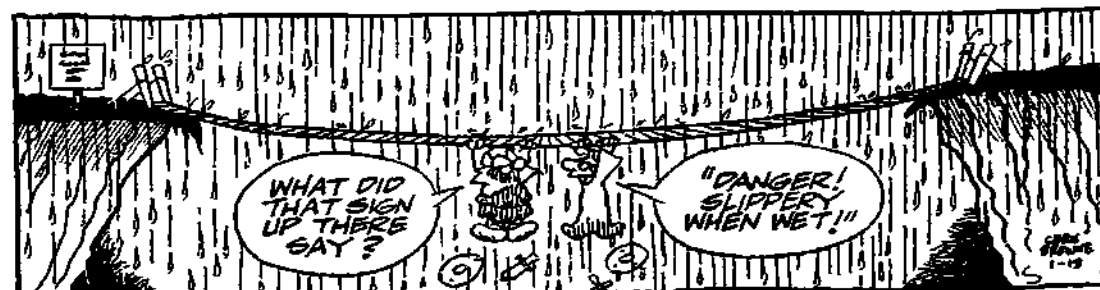
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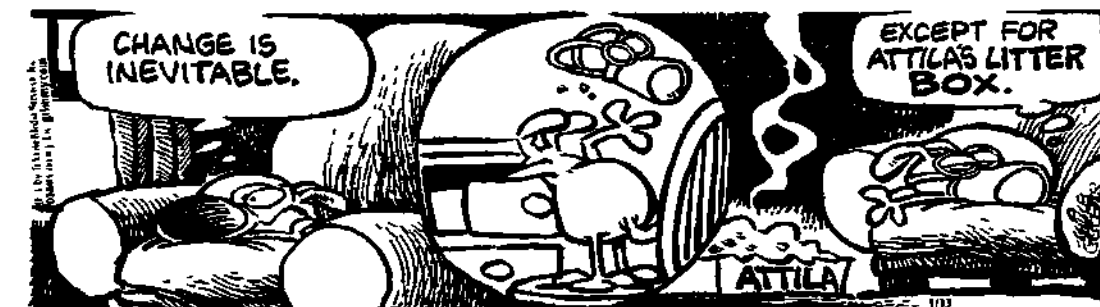
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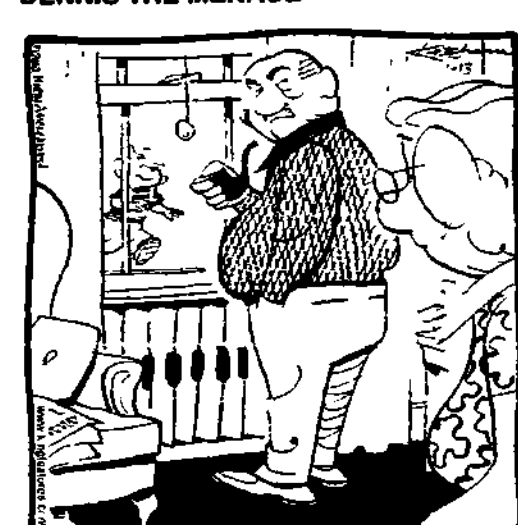
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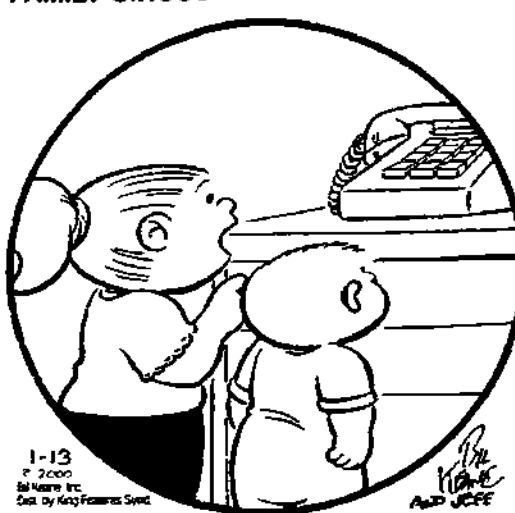
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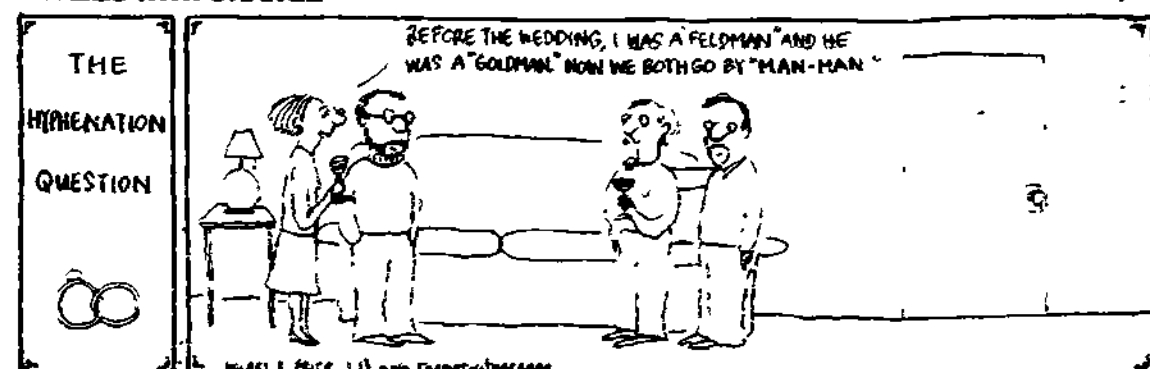
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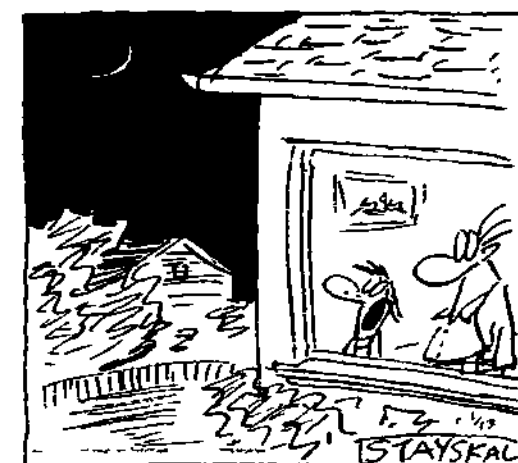
RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Jan. 14
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Hold onto your money and possessions at this time.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a beautiful and ever-so-comfortable time.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't try to spread yourself too thin or go in too many different directions.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If something has been on your mind for a while, share your ideas with a few trusted friends or co-workers.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Instead of charging forward with a hundred new projects, try going back to the ones you started a long time ago.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You will be very busy at this time, but other people may not be able to see it.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pay attention to others at this time, especially your significant other.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Digging your heels in might cause you to get stuck right now.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The eternal wanderer might need to come home and take a break for once.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Spend some much needed time with your family.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Although you go along with someone's insistence that you should stay at home, it goes completely against the grain.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If you have a significant other, spend this time with him or her.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

"C" NAMES IN SPORTS

Q L I E B Y V S Q N K H E B Y
 W T R O L I G E B Y W U R P N
 K I G D B Z X V S C Q O M K I
 G E C A Y O W Y U C S S Q P I
 N O L J H F R R L E C O A Y C
 X V C H A M B E R L A I N O E
 U S O E Q Y M P D P O W N K N
 N M B K S E I S H R E N F E A
 C B B U N N Z A Y R O X N V M
 U N O T L R A C A R C C T O O
 R C E T R U O C S N E M E L C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Wednesday's unlisted clue: **CROWDS**
 Thursday's unlisted clue: **has TV**
 Caneco Chamberlain Comasco Court
 Carow Clemens Connolly Cousy
 Carlton Clemente Connors Ceonka
 Casper Coe Cordero
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 For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Welt

West led the undo suit, and dummy's diamond queen went to East's king. East returned a diamond to knock out dummy's ace, removing a vital dummy entry for South. Having lost a diamond and expecting a trump loser, how was South to manage his needed dummy entries? He could take the spade finesse at trick three but how could he gain two more entries to lead clubs twice toward his club honors? Assuming good luck in both black suits, his first step was to lead a cagey spade queen. If East didn't cover the lead would remain in dummy for a crucial club lead. Later, the trump king would provide a second entry. Unfortunately, East covered dummy's spade queen, and South won his ace. Now what? He could cash his ace and king of trumps, hoping to drop both missing honors, but those odds were not great. Instead, South led a trump toward dummy and inserted the eight. East won and forced South in diamonds, but South led another trump, finessing against West's jack. A club lead from dummy went to South's king, and another trump lead to dummy's king drew the last trump. Finally, another club lead from dummy brought good news. Not only did East have the ace, but the suit also split 3-3. This limited South's losers to only a diamond, a club and a trump, giving him his well-deserved game.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge Studio: Monday morning, first, Mille Albright, Janet Sinclair, second, Doug Lyon, Pauline Filsinger. Monday evening, first, Bob Garwood, Bruce Rubin, second/third, Jim Ineich, J.W. Ineich; Doug Lyon, George Valette. Tuesday evening, first, Joe Fortino, George Valette, second/third, Jeff King, Monny Moncrief, Frank Redman, Bruce Rubin. Wednesday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Doug Lyon, second/third, Bill Barrington, MaryAnne Ruff, Matt Brown, George Valette. Thursday morning, Teaching Class, 1 NS, John Beauchamp, Janet Sinclair; 2 NS, Debi Belanger, Sheila Comerford; 1 EW, Bob Donahue, Al Ross; 2 EW, Jo Cleveland, Sarah Myers. Thursday evening, first/second, Bill Barrington, MaryAnne Ruff, Doug Lyon, George Valette. Friday morning, first/second, Carl Brown, John Gilstrap, Larry Sunser, Joe Fortino. Friday evening, first, J.W. Ineich, Jim Ineich; second, Cameron Ross, Bruce Rubin.
Bridge Studio E-Z Bridge Division: Saturday evening, first, Mille Albright, second, Cameron Ross.
Concord: 1 NS, Barbara Lorenz, Winona Phillips; 2 NS, Mary Gorkin, Barb Reinschmidt; 1 EW, Dale Swift, Gene Wurdinger; 2 EW, Sallie Jameson, Louise Starnig.
Liverpool: 1 NS, Judy Butcher, Lorraine Desruisseaux; 2 NS, Anne Divers, Alberta McCormick; 1 EW, Bib Letham, Louise Starnig; 2 EW, Joan Liddle, Fran McCarthy.
Radisson Bridge Club: first, Martha Devine, Cameron Ross, second, Nancy Noble, Mike Rich.
Stonewedge: first, Joan Liddle, Fran McCarthy, second, Alyce Martin, Eleanor Peters.
Syracuse Contract: Thursday noon, first, Joe Fortino, Doug Lyon; second, Dale Swift, Larry Watul, Thursday evening, first, Gerry Radway, Bruce Rubin, second, Cliff Donn, Josh Donn.
Western Hills: 1 NS, Maggie Christy, Joan Shibel; 2 NS, Li Parkhurst, Betty Pfeiffer; 1 EW, Gerry Burns, Harriet Kaprowski; 2 EW, Kay Mason, Arlene Stone.
 Call 422-4174 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

BIRTHDAYS

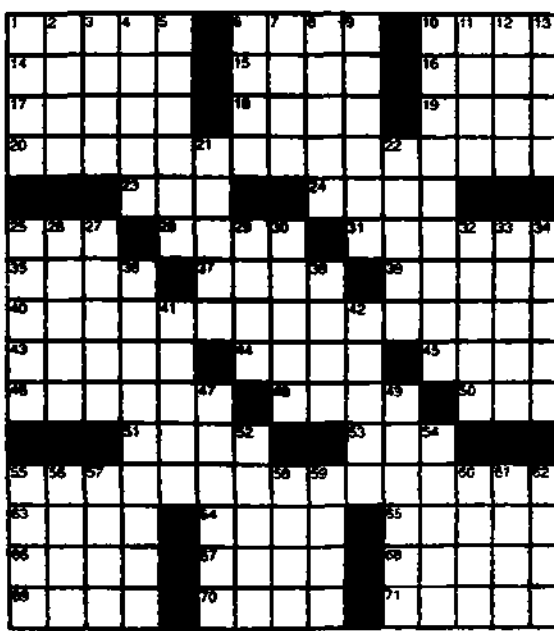
Actor **Robert Stack** is 81. Hollywood columnist **Army Archerd** is 78. Actress-singer-dancer **Gwen Verdon** is 75. Actor-director **Charles Nelson Reilly** is 69. Comedian **Rip Taylor** is 66. Actor **Billy Gray** is 62. Actor **Richard Moll** is 57. Rock musician **Trevor Rabin** (Yes) is 46. Rhythm-and-blues musician **Fred White** is 45. Actress **Julia Louis-Dreyfus** is 39. Country singer **Trace Adkins** is 38. Actress **Penelope Ann Miller** is 36.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1201

ACROSS
 1 Needing to take off
 6 Nari
 10 Some 20's art
 14 Language group including Zulu
 15 Giant screen production
 16 Numbered piece
 17 Belowing
 18 Lollapalooza
 19 Notch
 20 Might-have-been East Coast team
 23 Saratoga Springs, e.g.
 24 Stock exchange membership
 25 Item in an airline magazine
 28 Biblical father
 31 Collude (with)
 35 Beginning on
 37 Composer Bartok
 39 x
 40 Might-have-been Midwest team
 43 Constellation directly above the equator
 44 Up good
 45 Tauri
 46 Noggin
 48 It may precede a stroke
 50 Careless
 51 Impetuous
 53 Doc bloc
 55 Might-have-been West Coast team
 63 Popular cologne
 64 Pinnacle
 65 Integra, for one
 66 "Yeah that'll ever happen"
 67 Black shade
 68 Hardly a he-man
 69 Protest
 70 Strong-willed Jane
 71 Ups

DOWN
 1 Port in Scott's "Lord of the Isles"
 2 Show fully
 3 Sufficient for Shakespeare
 4 Ropes for steadying masts
 5 Princess whom Zeus carried off to Crete
 6 Swindle
 7 Russia/ Manchuria boundary river
 8 Makes hay
 9 Cozies
 10 Idler
 11 Pacific capital
 12 Cable conduit
 13 Calls upon
 21 Browning's Ben Ezra, e.g.
 22 Moxie vegetation
 26 Street director? (old publishing house)
 27 Salk's conquest
 29 Outdo
 30 Distant
 32 Net result?
 33 Kind of toast
 34 Elizabeth I's ill-fated favorite



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
 DYS RYOT NURSIE
 RIM ONNE UGANDA
 ABA SPANISH MAIN
 FILM CARDS JTO
 TALLOW MODEL
 VENOM MYNED
 SIST DIANE ALI
 ICU THE SPOT ILL
 LEG HEDDA SLED
 TRAVEL ORMAN
 RIALS ADAGES
 ABR SCAPEGOAT
 TREASURE MAP ORE
 OMEGAS LILT FLE
 ESTOPS LEMS SYD

36 Bit of sustenance
 38 Italy's fertile Val d'
 41 Dark
 42 Doubleday, (old publishing house)
 47 Intertwine
 48 Clause separator
 52 Native Indian in the British army
 54 PC character representation
 55 Effort
 56 Deftness
 57 Rose's beloved in a 1922 play
 58 "There was an Old Man with a beard" writer
 59 Toll unit
 60 Cologne ingredient
 61 Old World language
 62 Side in a vote

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